**Weekly Vocabulary Exercises – First Quarter**

Each week during first quarter, you will receive a list of prefixes, roots, and suffixes that we will work with every day during our do now time. While the weekly activities will vary, the basic schedule is as follows:

* **Monday:** Students will receive their list and definitions, which they will copy into their composition books.
* **Tuesday:** Students will think of TWO examples of words they already know that contain the prefix/root/suffix and write the words’ definition
* **Wednesday**: Students will look for an example of a word containing the prefix/root/suffix in their textbook or in the dictionary
* **Thursday**:Students will write creatively using words that contain their given prefixes/roots/suffixes (activities will vary)
* **Friday**:Students will take a quiz that requires them to either recall each prefix/root/suffix AND give an example word, or analyze a word in a sentence and pick out the correct prefix/root/suffix.

The goal of these exercises is to familiarize you with key prefixes/roots/suffixes of the English language, making you a more competent reader and writer. Furthermore, your enhanced vocabulary will help you succeed on the SAT, the ACT, and job applications.

Below is an example of each day’s activity with a prefix we will learn in our first week together. Use this as a guide as you complete your weekly exercises.

**Monday**

Prefix: a, ab, abs

Meaning: away, from

**Tuesday**

Examples of words I know:

1. absent – not present; gone.

2. Abstract – conceptual rather than realistic

**Wednesday**

Words I looked up in the dictionary:

1. Abstinence – The fact or practice of restraining oneself from indulging in something (drugs, alcohol, etc)

2. Absolute – That which exists without being dependent on anything else

**Thursday** – will vary throughout the quarter

**Friday** – example vocab quiz question

1. What is the definition of the prefix “abs-“? In addition, give a word, and its definition, that contains the prefix “abs-“.

**List of Prefixes, Roots, and Suffixes**

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| Week 1:  A, ab, abs  Ad, a, ac, af, ag, an, ar, at, as  Bi, bis  Circum  Com, con  De |
| Week 2:  Dis, dif, di  Epi  Equi  Ex, e  Hyper  Hypo |
| Week 3:  In  Inter  Mal, male  Mis  Mono  Non |
| Week 4:  Ob  Omni  Preter  Pro  Re  Retro |
| Week 5:  Se  Sub  Super  Trans  Un, uni  Un (pronounced uhn) |
| Week 6:  Bas  Cap, capt  Cred  Dict  Duc, duct  Fac, fact  graph |
| Week 7:  Log  Mort  Scrib, script  Spec, spect  Tact  Ten  Therm  Ver |
| Week 8:  -able, -ible  -er, -or  -fy  -ism  -ist |

**Week 9:**

**-less**

**-louge, -log**

**-ness**

**-ship**

**-tude**